

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
SUGAR CITY COUNCIL
THURSDAY, JULY 23, 2009

Presiding: Mayor Glenn W. Dalling
Meeting Convened at 6:30 p.m.
Prayer: Bruce King
Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Dalling; Sharon L. Bell, Clerk; Marcie A. Smith, Treasurer; Councilmembers Harold Harris, Bruce King, Brad Orme and Lamont Merrill; Joy Ball, acting chairman of Planning & Zoning; Jesse Brown; Todd Tuckett; and Eddie Pincock.

The Mayor asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 9, 2009. Each councilmember had a copy of said minutes prior to the meeting. It was moved by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to accept said minutes; motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT: In the absence of P&Z Chair Brian Hawkes, Commissioner Joy Ball addressed the council.

Recommendation on public hearing for Old Farm Estates zoning correction: Joy presented P&Z's written recommendation as follows: "A public hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the Old Farm Estates zoning correction. There were no substantive comments or testimony opposing the rezoning of Old Farm Estates to R-1 with the exception of the small portion in the northwest corner of the subdivision, which will remain R-2. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommends to the Sugar City Council that this zoning correction be approved."

Recommendation on public hearing for proposed city zoning map: Joy presented P&Z's written recommendation as follows: "A public hearing held by the Planning and Zoning Commission for the proposed Sugar City zoning map. In the opinion of the Planning and Zoning Commission, there were no substantive comments or testimony opposing the proposed zoning map. Therefore, the Planning and Zoning Commission recommends to the Sugar City Council that this zoning map be approved." P&Z felt that they followed the procedures in City Code that all individual property owners did not need to be notified. Because there were more than 200 people who needed to be notified, they felt a newspaper notification would be sufficient.

Wind turbine ordinance: Joy reported that P&Z has about 3/4ths of the ordinance finished.

TODD M. TUCKETT (KELLER ASSOCIATES) – EAST PARKWAY CORRIDOR

PLAN: Mr. Tuckett, representing Keller Associates, said he had two purposes in coming tonight. (1) To make the city aware that they had been hired to conduct a study for the location of the East Parkway and to notify Sugar City officials that they would have significant input on

the location of that parkway on the north side of the South Fork of the Teton River. (2) He would like the name of a contact person by whom he can relate information to Sugar City officials. The mayor advised Mr. Tuckett that Councilmember Harold Harris is Sugar City's road and street man, who also chairs a committee working with Forsgren Associates, which is conducting a transportation study for Sugar City. Councilmember Harris would be the contact person.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE DECISION ON P&Z'S RECOMMENDATIONS:

Old Farm Estates zoning correction:

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Harris and seconded by Councilmember King to accept P&Z's recommendation for the Old Farm Estates zoning correction to R-1, with the exception of the northwest corner of the property, which is to remain R-2 as originally designed; motion carried.

City zoning map: Due to possible procedural errors in preparing to rezone various parcels in the city, such as failure to individually notify property owners, it was decided to send the matter back to P&Z.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Orme and seconded by Councilmember Harris to reject the proposed zoning map; motion carried.

REVIEW BUDGET 2009-2010: Marcie discussed with the council a worksheet on the proposed 2009-2010 Sugar City budget. She led a page-by-page discussion on budget items, saying the council needs to adopt a tentative budget on August 13, then hold a public hearing on August 27 and adopt the budget. The mayor thanked Marcie for her good work.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

COUNCILMEMBER HARRIS:

Roadwork update: Harold reported that the Idaho Transportation Department is planning to resurface the Highway 33 Business Loop through Sugar City, starting at Horkley's on Second East in Rexburg and proceeding through Sugar City and then north to the intersection of 7th East and Highway 33 above town.

He also reported that curb and gutter have been installed at the southeast corner of the intersection of South Front Street and Center Street. He has asked Edstrom Construction for a bid on placing sidewalk around this entire corner to complement the new curb and gutter. Harold also plans to landscape this corner.

He reported that he has received a proposed estimate of \$23,400 from Dick Hill to realign 1st North with "B" Street. There would likely be another cost of \$4,000 to \$5,000 for engineering services.

COUNCILMEMBER ORME: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER KING: No report.

COUNCILMEMBER MERRILL:

Sewer treatment rate increase: Lamont reported that he and the mayor met with Rexburg engineer John Millar and Rexburg financial officer Richard Horner on a proposed 28% increase in the sewer treatment rate charged by Rexburg. The increase would amount to nearly \$4.95 more per month per household. Because this increase does not affect the Sugar City sewer base fee, the actual increase for Sugar City residents would be about 14.5%. According to Rexburg officials, this large increase is justified by the fact that Rexburg residents near the treatment plant in Rexburg threaten a lawsuit because of sewage odor. This increase would raise

approximately \$5 million to remedy the odor problem.

MOTION: It was moved by Councilmember Orme and seconded by Councilmember Merrill to set a public hearing for Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 6:30 p.m. on the proposed sewer rate increase; motion carried.

MAYOR'S BUSINESS:

Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for Bike Path and Business Park: The mayor reported that the ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Business Park is scheduled for July 25, 2009, at 8:30 a.m. Attendees will walk across the street for the Bike Path ribbon-cutting ceremony afterward. Donna Benfield of the Rexburg Chamber of Commerce will help with both ceremonies.

Pioneer community breakfast: Lamont Merrill will assume responsibility for ensuring that the community breakfast runs smoothly. He will see that Joe Cherrington distributes remaining flyers of the event and will assist him in managing the activity in behalf of the City Council.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Signed: _____
Glenn W. Dalling, Mayor

Attested: _____
Sharon L. Bell, Clerk